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## RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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Madam:

Responsive to the Examiner's request for information under 37 CFR § 1.105 mailed April 19, 2007, please consider the below **Remarks**, beginning on page 2 of this paper, directed to providing information regarding prior equity insurance products developed by AmerUS Life Insurance Company and identifying the features described in the claimed subject matter of the above-referenced application that are improvements over those products.